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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Regulation 8, Rule 45: Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations

Project Location: The rules and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 8, Rule 45 regulates emissions from automotive refinishing operations by limiting the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOC) that various types of automotive coating may contain. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-1 in the 2005 Ozone Strategy and is largely based on ARB's 2005 Suggested Control Measure for Automotive Coatings. The proposal also includes new requirements for mobile refinishing operations. Mobile refinishers are typically small, one-person operations that travel from place to place to repair and repaint minor dents and scratches, frequently at auto dealerships. Mobile refinishers would be required to register with the District. Frequent mobile refinishing clients, such as auto dealerships, would be required to record mobile refinisher service visits. A concurrent amendment is proposed in Regulation 3: Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees to recoup costs of inspecting these operations. The fee proposed for mobile refinishers required to register is \$100 for initial registrations and \$60 for annual renewals.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Victor Douglas, Principal Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109. Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4741 or by e-mail to vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the negative declaration will be received from Monday, October 27, 2008 until 5:00 pm on Monday, November 17, 2008.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 45: Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations; Regulation 3: Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees; and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.